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**Louisiana Group Honored for Achievements in Emergency Preparedness**

**BATON ROUGE (January 6th, 2016)-** The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) congratulates a Louisiana group, recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for accomplishments in working to prepare communities for emergencies. New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps (NOMRC) was chosen for Outstanding Citizen Corps Partner Program as part of the 2015 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards.

The New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps (NOMRC) was honored for its emergency preparedness outreach and education to vulnerable populations in the city by working with the whole community. NOMRC coordinated with emergency preparedness agencies in the city to plan for the 2014 hurricane season. FEMA highlighted the group's ability to work with agencies and health care providers that serve at-risk groups, efforts in developing easy-to-understand hurricane preparedness messages and materials targeted to the elderly, mobility-impaired, non-English speakers and other vulnerable populations. Some accomplishments include:

- **Providing presentations on mandatory evacuations, sheltering in place and preparing disaster supplies at community events, health fairs, in senior citizen living facilities, and through door-to-door campaigns.**
- **Hosting 10 training sessions on emergency preparedness and resiliency for agencies serving at-risk groups.**

- **Using Medicare data to locate individuals on oxygen or dialysis for targeted outreach.**
- **Using New Orleans Regional Transit Authority data to survey people with limited mobility.**
- **Discussing hurricane preparedness with elementary school children at a hurricane hunter aircraft site.**

Please join us for an event recognizing this group.

**Where: NOLA Brewing Company  
3001 Tchoupitoulas St.  
New Orleans, LA 70115**

**When: 6:00pm- 8:00pm**

Each year, FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division recognizes the preparedness efforts of organizations around the country. This year 138 organizations applied for recognition. There were 11 award winners and 37 honorable mentions. The 11 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Award recipients were recognized on Sept. 8, 2015, in Washington, D.C. During the recognition ceremony, recipients shared their experiences, success stories, and lessons learned with fellow emergency management leaders.

Visit [www.ready.gov/citizen-corps/citizen-corps-awards](http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps/citizen-corps-awards) for more information on this year's award recipients and honorable mentions.

You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new ALERT FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the new Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other important information at [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org).

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